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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims**:

1. (Currently Amended) A personal care product comprising, within a pressurized container:

a personal care formulation;

a propellant; and

a sorbant, comprising consisting essentially of an open cell foam or fibrous material, that has formed a gel with at least a portion of the propellant,[.]

wherein the personal care formulation, the propellant and the sorbant are in fluid contact with each other within the container.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The personal care product of claim 1 wherein a first portion of the propellant is present in the container as a gas, and a second portion of the propellant is adsorbed onto the sorbant, forming a gel.
- 3. (Original) The personal care product of claim 2 wherein the first and second portions comprise substantially all of the propellant.
- 4. (Original) The personal care product of claim 2 wherein a third portion of the propellant is emulsified into the personal care formulation as a liquid.
- 5. (Original) The personal care product of claim 4 wherein there is a gas/liquid phase equilibrium present in the container.
- 6. (Original) The personal care product of claim 1 wherein the sorbant comprises a polymer.

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7. (Original) The personal care product of claim 6 wherein the polymer is partially cross-linked.

8. (Original) The personal care product of claim 7 wherein the polymer is cross-linked to an extent that will permit it to swell upon adsorption of propellant, while remaining substantially

insoluble in the propellant.

9. (Original) The personal care product of claim 6 wherein the polymer is selected from the

group consisting of silicones, polysiloxanes, polybutenes, polypropylenes, polyethylenes, and

latex rubbers.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The personal care product of claim 6 wherein the solubility parameter of the

polymer is within 2 units of the solubility parameter of the propellant.

12. (Original) The personal care product of claim 1 or 4 wherein the personal care formulation

comprises a soap solution.

13. (Original) The personal care product of claim 1 or 3 wherein the personal care formulation

comprises a gel.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Original) The personal care product of claim 1 wherein the personal care product is

selected from the group consisting of shaving products, antiperspirant products or deodorant

products.

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16. (Currently Amended) The personal care product of claim 1 wherein the propellant

comprises a hydrocarbon-oil.

17. (Previously Presented) The personal care product of claim 15 wherein the propellant has a

vapor pressure of less than 125 psig at 70°F.

18. (Original) The personal care product of claim 1 wherein the product is dispensed from the

container as a foam, and the foam density of the product remains substantially constant until at

least 70% of the contents of the can have been exhausted.

19. (Original) The personal care product of claim 1 wherein the sorbant has a relatively higher

affinity for the propellant than for the personal care formulation.

20. (Original) The personal care product of claim 1 wherein the propellant is substantially

insoluble in the personal care formulation.

21-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a personal care product comprising:

(a) providing, within a container, a sorbant comprising consisting essentially of an open

cell foam or fibrous material;

(b) delivering, to the container, a personal care formulation;

(c) sealing the container; and

(d) pressurizing the container with a propellant,[.]

wherein the personal care formulation, the propellant and the sorbant are in fluid contact

with each other within the container.

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28. (Original) The method of claim 27 wherein the sorbant is delivered to the container with, before, or after the delivery of the personal care formulation.

- 29. (Original) The method of claim 27 wherein the sorbant is adhered to or coated on an inner surface of the container prior to delivery of the personal care formulation.
- 30. (Original) The method of claim 27 wherein the sorbant is adhered to or coated on a dip tube inserted into the container.

31-54. (Cancelled)